

Dr. Dunglison, Clerk of Board of Officers and Council, read the Minutes of the proceedings at the last meeting of the Board.

Pending and new nominations for membership were read.

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*Stated Meeting, December 3.*

Present, twenty-one members.

DR. FRANKLIN BACHE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. Thomas B. Wilson, a recently elected member, was presented, and took his seat.

A letter was read from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, communicating their thanks for No. 47, of the Proceedings of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

Vol. VI. No. 5. Sept. and Oct. 1852. Philada. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*

An Expedition into the Valley of the Great Salt Lake of Utah; including a Description of its Geography, Natural History, and Minerals, and an Analysis of its Waters: with an Authentic Account of the Mormon Settlement. Also a Reconnaissance of a New Route through the Rocky Mountains; and two large and accurate Maps of that region. By Howard Stansbury, Captain Corps of Topographical Engineers, U. S. Army. Philadelphia, 1852. 8vo.—*From Major Hartman Bache.*

The Mormons, or Latter-Day Saints, in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake: A History of their rise and progress, peculiar doctrines, present condition and prospects;—derived from personal observation during a residence among them. By Lieut. J. W. Gunnison, of the Topographical Engineers. Philada. 1852. 8vo.—*From the same.*

The Astronomical Journal. No. 50. (Vol. III. No. 2.) Nov. 20, 1852. Cambridge, Mass. 4to.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, jr., Editor.*

Report of Experiments on Gunpowder, made at Washington Arsenal in 1843 and 1844. By Capt. Alfred Mordecai, of the Ordnance Department. Washington, 1845. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Second Report of Experiments on Gunpowder, made at Washington Arsenal, in 1845, 1847 and 1848. By Brevet Major Alfred Mordecai, of the Ordnance Department. Washington, 1849. 8vo.—*From the same.*

The Ordnance Manual, for the use of the Officers of the United States Army. Second Edition. Washington, 1850. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XII. No. 7, 8. May 14. June 11, 1852. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Dr. Duglison, Secretary, reported the following letter, written by him to the President, Dr. Patterson, according to the direction of the Society at the last meeting.

*Am. Philosophical Society, Nov. 19, 1852.*

Sir,—I am instructed, by the American Philosophical Society, to express to you the sincere regret with which they have received the announcement of your intention to decline being again a candidate for the office of President of the Society; and to assure you of the affectionate esteem which the members entertain for you, and their high sense of the able, dignified and courteous manner in which you have discharged the duties that have devolved upon you for several years, as their presiding officer. Whilst they sympathize with you on the motives which have admonished you to decline being again a candidate, they fervently hope that one of them,—“declining health,”—may soon cease to oppress you, and that you may be destined for many years of healthful and happy enjoyment.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

ROBLEY DUNGLISON,

*Sec. Am. Phil. Soc.*

Dr. R. M. PATTERSON,

*President of the Am. Phil. Soc.*

The Rev. Dr. Boardman, in pursuance of an appointment at a former meeting, read an obituary notice of the Hon. Daniel Webster.

Judge KANE announced the death of the Hon. John Sergeant, a member of the Society, who died on the 23d ultimo, in the 73d year of his age.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Report, which was read, and referred to the Committee of Finance.

No report being received from the Committee of Publication, the subject was postponed to the next meeting.

Nominations for membership were read.

*Stated Meeting, December 17.*

Present, thirty members.

Judge KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. Pancoast, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From the Hon. Edward Everett, Secretary of State, dated Department of State, Washington, 15th December, 1852, on returning Dunn's Map of the British Empire, of 1774, loaned by this Society, in 1828, to the United States' Commission for submitting the question of the disputed North-eastern boundary to the arbitration of the King of the Netherlands: and—

From the Imperial Society of Naturalists of Moscow, dated Moscow, 4—16 June, 1852, accompanying a donation for the Library.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Bulletin de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou. Année 1851. Nos. 3, 4. Année 1852. No. 1. Moscou. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Die Mineral Regionen der obern Halbinsel Michigan's, N. A. am Lake Superior und die Isle Royal. Von C. L. Koch, &c. &c. Mit einer geognostischen Karte. Göttingen, 1852. 8vo.—*From Prof. Hausmann.*

The Documentary History of the State of New York: Arranged